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西門
市場
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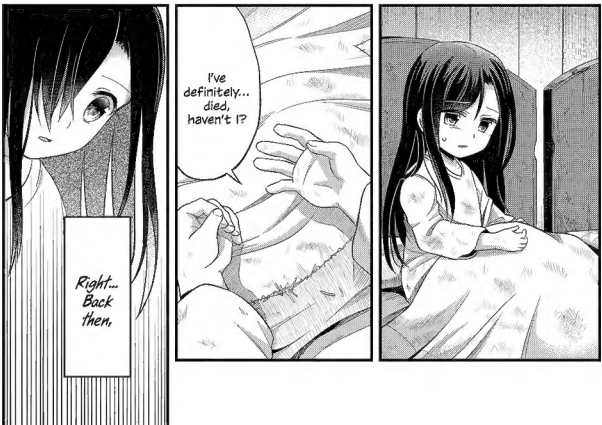
There once was a book-loving woman named Mofosu Urano.
History, Psychology, Religion, Geography, Folklore, Mathematics, Biology, Art, Language, fiction...
She loved every single one of these books that were filled with human's knowledge.
She felt blessed that she lived surrounded by books.
However, ironic as it is, she was crushed to death by those same books.
Her last thoughts were:
"...God, please let there be plenty of books to read even in my next life-"

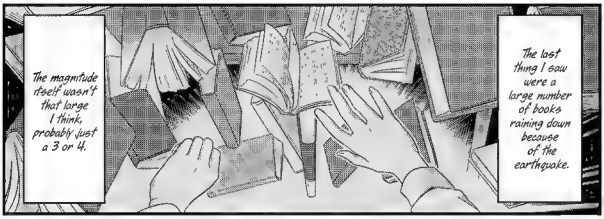
第1話 新しい生活

...HOT, IT HURTS...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS...
HOT
HELP
...That's right
IT HURTS
...Eh? The voice is fading away...
I don't like this either
It's certainly hot and painful
NO

Wait-
...Eh?
What is this...
My hands are small....?

Wait a moment,
Where is this...?


I've definitely... died, haven't I?
Right... Back then,


The last thing I saw were a large number of books raining down because of the earthquake.
The magnitude itself wasn't that large I think, probably just a 3 or 4.

I DID THINK THAT IF I WERE TO DIE I'D LIKE TO DIE BURIED IN BOOKS!
BUT I DIDN'T MEAN SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
カぉぉ
Urano dies a second time

There's probably a news report right about now:
"Female University Student Crushed by Bookshelf at Home"

Sorry, mom...
...Just when I had finally found a graduate job,
and my mother was so happy for me...
ズキ
いたた

Maine?
ギィ
...Who is she?
Green hair...?
Maine
||

EH?
...Ugh
AH
Eh... What...?
MAINE
Maine
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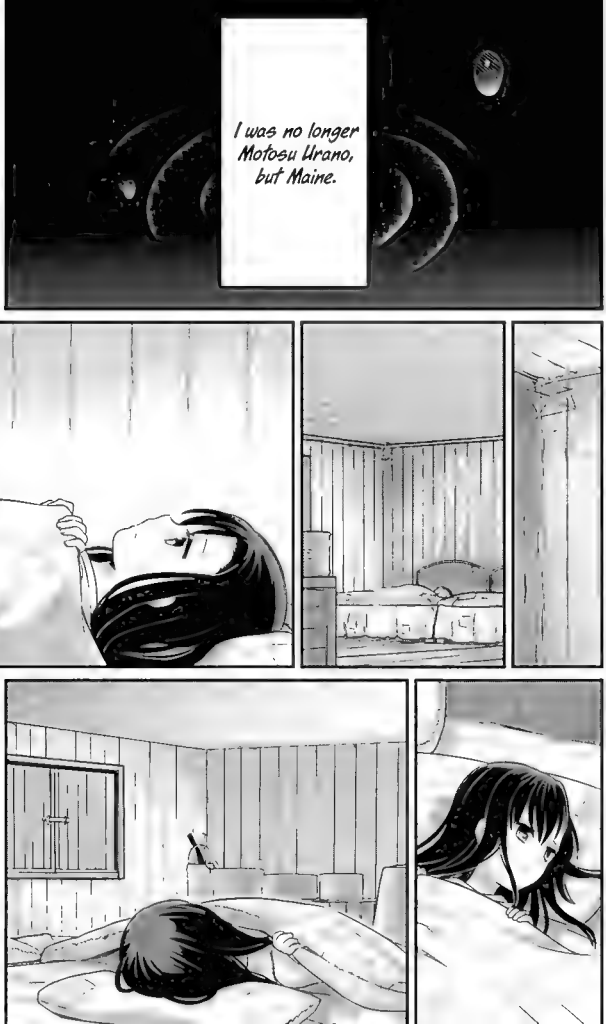
Maine

Ah....
Mine's memories are...
...Mom...
Starting from this moment-


I was no longer
Motosu Urano,
but Maine.

Suddenly getting sent to some unknown place...
Suddenly becoming an unfamiliar girl...
Ah, damn...
How did things end up like this...
.....
...Books.
I want to read books.
I can stand any kind of situation as long as I have books.
I'll bear with it!
So please give me books...
ギゅ..

ひょこっ
Have you been behaving yourself and sleeping?
ギィッ
Mine, are you alright?
That's right, at this age wouldn't she at least have some kind of picture book?
Hmm...
My sister Tory, huh?

"Book"?
What's a "Book"?

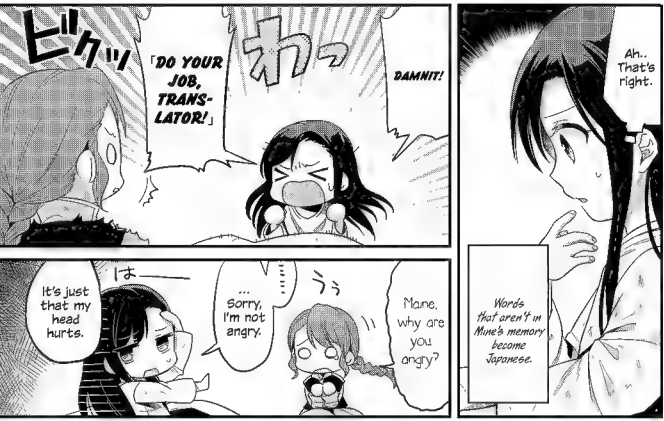
Hey, Tori,
Can you bring me a 「Book」?

What's a...

What's that? I can't understand.

Mine, I can't understand what you're saying.
Can you explain it properly?
Um... Something 「Written」 with 「Words」 and 「Pictures」

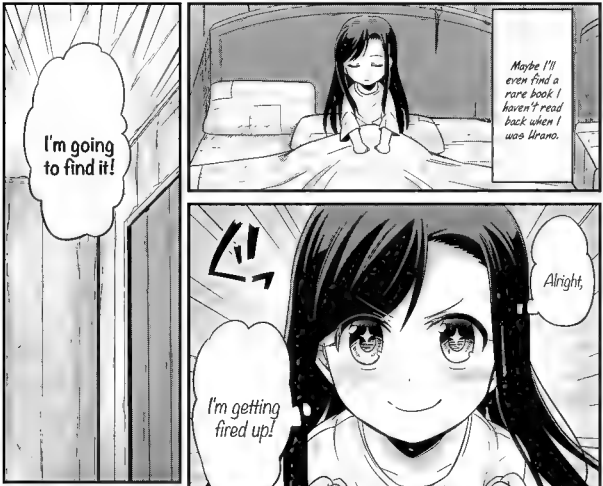
Like I've said!
「Books」!
I want 「Picture Books」!


Ah.. That's right.
Words that aren't in Maine's memory become Japanese.
Maine, why are you angry?
...Sorry, I'm not angry.
It's just that my head hurts.
DAMNIT!
「DO YOUR JOB, TRANS-LATOR!」

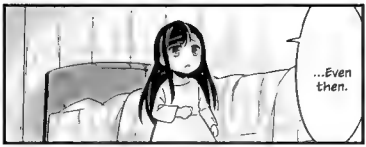
The two of you, what's wrong?
Mom,
...Her fever seems to have gotten better,
but I guess she still isn't feeling too well.
Maine has a head-ache...

Mom's going to prepare dinner,
so be a good girl and sleep.
バタン
Tory, come and help.
Okay.
Well then, I'm going.
CLACK
バタン
パタパタ
Have they gone outside?
バッ
...There's no way I'd just behave myself.

...I'm sure the Japanese pronunciation for 「Book」 just didn't go through.
"Book"?
I can't get my spirits up if I can't find myself at least one volume.
No, not just a single book. Ten books... Twenty books.
フッ フッ
If I search the house I'm sure I'll find them somewhere.
There's no way there'd be a house without books.


Maybe I'll even find a rare book I haven't read back when I was Urano.
I'm going to find it!
Alright,
I'm getting fired up!

Heave-ho.


...Even then.

Ugh,
there's sand everywhere...

For a bedroom it sure is dusty and unkempt.

Well, living in a place like this would definitely make you sickly.
The Maine in my memories seemed to be ill all the time.

If I'm going to live here, my first priority would be cleaning up this bedroom.
Things will go fast if there was a book here...
But I guess things won't go that well.
Next is the room beside this.
ガラ
ガラ
ゴゴ
Clothes
ブラーン
what's this?
A toy?

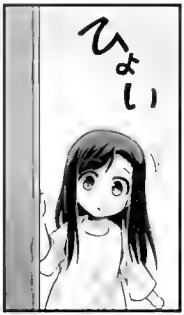
Mu...
A difficult obstacle all of a sudden?
ドン
ごごご
Is there anything that'd work as a pedestal...
Impossible!
FER

……
IF IT'S FOR BOOKS THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED, RIGHT?
ズルッ
重!!
ズ…!!
UU
UU~N…

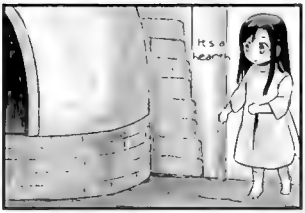
Ah!
I reached...
EH
CREAK
Hewa !?
It opens inwards !!?
...Ugh...
ごろんごろん
べちゃっ
AAAAAAA

It hurts...
うう...
ギッ
FUNNU!
CREAK
It was a valorous injury.
ドロ
.....
It opened!
...I'm seriously sorry.
Thank you very much...

Ah,
I guess this is the kitchen?

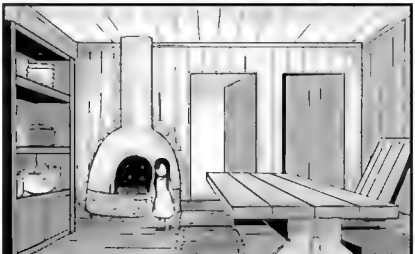

ひょい

Um...

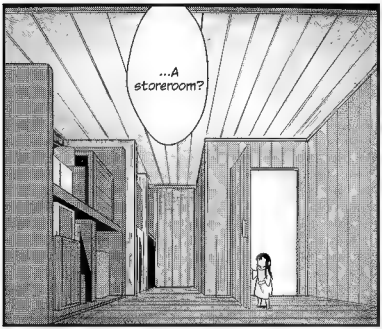

It's a hearth.

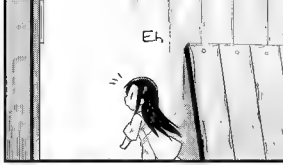
What's this?

Doesn't seem like it'd be here.



Everyone has strange hair colors like green and jade as well...
This isn't even a foreign country, let alone Japan.
...A violet vegetable?
A fruit?
...It's perplexing, but more importantly, books.
Which door's correct~?
Ururun


...A storeroom?


Eh

ギィ

...Seems like this is the second hurdle.
So tall

If this one's wrong, then...
Dusty

I'm guessing the correct answer is that door.

If I pull this in front of the door...
ズズズ
Heavy!!?
Even though it's just a wooden chair!
ズ
I...
I can't do this...
ヘニャ。。
ゼェゼェ
This body sure is inconvenient...
It can't be helped. I'll push it over.

Maybe this is the door where mom and Tory exited from?

Eh? It's locked...
RATTLE
RATTLE

and bedroom

store-room...

The kitchen

That there's no correct answer?
Could it be...

There isn't even a toilet or bath in this house?
No water supply... No book-cases?
...Could it be that the books in this world are expensive?
...Hey, God, do you have some sort of grudge against me?
From the history I know books were extremely expensive until they became mass producible with printers.
People who weren't in the upper echelons had hardly any chance of reading books.

Even if there weren't any books, maybe a newspaper or calendar...
I'll start with looking for words.
Ugh... It can't be helped.
...Nothing

Nothing!
There isn't a single letter ...
Any-where!!
Why

What's this supposed to mean?
With that many books,
It's no wonder that I got crushed to death.
And it was also me that wished to be born again...
...But you know, there isn't a single book here...
There's no words... And no paper...

Am I really going to live here?
I told you to be a good girl and sleep, didn't I!?
ガチャ
I'm ho
What's the?
ギョっ
!
Maina!

...Mom
There are no 「Books」.
And why is everything scattered around so much...
Eh?

Maine, what's wrong?
Does it hurt anywhere?
...I want 「Books」.
I want to read 「Books」.
Even though I want to read 「Books」 so much...
...Even though that's all I need...
There aren't any 「Books」...

...Hey, where can I find someone who'd understand?
Where do I need to go to find books?
Someone, tell me-
第1話 新しい生活 おしまい

I'm looking for a translator.

I only have the translation for Chapter 1. Raws are available up to Chapter 5 + the Volume 1 Extra, so I'd like you to stick around for at least that long. Please contact Aranea on Batoto if you are interested.

Credits:
Raws-An anon
Translation-Another anon + various other people
Editing-Aranea